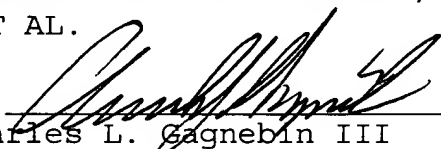


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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

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Red-lined Claims for the Examiner's convenience

3. Extrudates according to claim 1~~or 2~~, having a length to diameter ratio of between 1 and 3.

4. Extrudates according to claims 1-3, wherein the total pore volume as determined by mercury porosimetry is between 0.5 and 0.75 ml/g.

5. Extrudates according to claims 1-4, wherein the BET surface area is at least 75 m²/g.

6. Extrudates according to claims 1-5, wherein the attrition in accordance with ASTM D4058-87 is less than 5 wt.%, preferably less than 3 wt.%.

7. Catalyst, comprising at least one catalytically active material supported on an extrudate according to claims 1-6.

9. Use of an extrudate according to claims 1-6 ~~or a catalyst according to claim 7 or 8~~ in a chemical reaction.